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THE COURTS.

CIRCUIT COURT convenes on the first Tuesday in April, third Tuesday in June, and third Tuesday in October.

COUNTY COURT convenes on the first Tuesday in January, March, October, and second Tuesday in July.—July is levy term.

MARCH 31 the Dingley Bill went into the House at 4:25, 205 to 121, not voting 21. Five Democrats voted for the bill—three from Louisiana and two from Texas.

FROM Madrid the news comes that Cuban reforms will be introduced during the month of April. The Baltimore Sun is not sanguine about the prospects of success for the insurgents.

It appears the blockade of Crete is not enforced as rigidly as it would be in time of actual war, and that small craft are landing supplies constantly, and while this fighting without war goes on troops and supplies will get into Crete and keep the Cretans encouraged to hold out.

PRINCE CONSTANTIN of Greece started for the front, a few days since. In spite of all efforts to keep the matter somewhat private, it was found out and very thrilling scenes were witnessed by the people overwhelmed with enthusiasm for war, demonstrating their wishes for the success of their leader. He gave them to understand that if matters did not turn out as they wished it would not be his fault.

It looks as if the people of South Africa may have serious trouble before the year closes. President Kruger, a Cromwellian old Dutchman, does not talk to please his English neighbors by any means. He smiles on one side of his mouth and squints the opposite eye towards Germany, and tells his neighbors if they will let him alone he will let them alone, but he is not going to put up with any more foolishness like the Jameson visit. The neighbors it would seem do not think such visits foolishness, but just the proper thing to do when things get ready. It is reported that 60,000 red-coats and white-breeches are under instructions to be ready to move on short notice somewhere.

MAJOR McELDOWNY of the Wetzel Democrat is a man that touches a tender spot in our sympathies when he gets after the New York pulpites and reviews what they have done and are doing by their fiery eloquence and hyper-critical strictures. Last summer and autumn they emptied the vials of their righteous wrath on William J. Bryan, and described him as a greater than Sampson feeling for the pillars supporting the Temple of Liberty. Voters enough responded and led the giant away to the fabled obscurity of Salt River, where he could do no present harm officially. With Bryan out of the way, now they are for putting Jonah, Job, and even Mr and Mrs Adam out of sight, too, as entirely too much for ethical and esthetical sensibilities acute and refined as theirs are, and thus the illustrious Ingersoll is about to lose the job he has worked at solitary and alone for so many years.

MATTERS appear to be growing more and more serious in the affairs of Crete and Greece. The Turks seem to think they have the sympathy and approval of the leading powers, and show no reassuring signs of treating Christians with due leniency. It is appalling to think what dire vengeance must await the appeal that rises to the heavens from the blood of one hundred thousand victims, whose main offense was preference for the cross of Jesus over that of the new moon of the false Prophet. In a recent skirmish between the Turks and Greeks it was found that a German officer was in command of the Turks. If this German officer was there by the consent of his government, reports about the insauity of the German Emperor may be regarded as too true entirely. How and the peace of the world and the lives of thousands should ever be in such hands.

EASTER BELLS.

Such is the title of a charming collection of poems from the facile pen of Mrs. M. E. Sangster, just issued by Harper & Brothers—one of the most celebrated publishing firms in the civilized world.

But few if any of the living writers of verse are more extensively read or more affectionately esteemed by their readers than Mrs. Sangster, for she is such a skillful interpreter of the emotions that so many experience in their personal history. As nothing is newer than a new spring-time, so these verses have all the charm of something new and fitly expresses the impressions of every one who has an eye to what is passing around us.

AWAKENING.

"Never yet was a spring time,  
Late the lingered the snow,  
That the sap stirred not at the whisper  
Of the South wind, sweet and low;  
Never yet was a spring time  
When the buds forgot to blow.  
"Ever the wings of summer  
Are folded under the mould:  
Life that has known no dying  
Is love's to have and to hold,  
Till sudden the bourgeoning Easter  
The song, the green, and the gold."

There are about seventy-five of these "Easter Bells" chiming in this 16 mo. volume of 150 pages, cloth ornamental. These poems originally appeared in the several publications of Messrs Harper & Bros., or in The Cosmopolitan, The Youth's Companion, The Congregationalist, The Christian Intelligencer, and The Sunday-School Times.

A year or two since Mrs. Sangster spent some weeks in our county, and in so far as she was able to become acquainted with our people, she was most pleasantly impressed, and often refers to the pleasure it affords her to remember the Pocahontas acquaintances made during her visit.

The book is adorned with four exquisite illustrations, executed in the highest style of artistic beauty. "Never yet was a spring time when the buds forgot to blow," "Maiden Bertha," "The dear old gardens where mother used to potter about," and "In the fields are silence and perfume" are the subjects of these illustrations.

Many of our readers the past few years have been called upon to follow their dear mothers to the grave, and all such will read these verses and feel as if they had been written specially for their comfort and consolation.

FOLDED HANDS.

"Pale, withered hands, that more than four score years  
Had wrought for others—soothed the hurt of tears,  
Rocked children's cradles, eased the fever, a smart,  
Dropped tenderest balm in many an aching heart—  
Now stireless folded, like wan rose-leaves pressed  
Above the snow and silence of her breast.  
In mute appeal thy tell of labors done  
And well earned rest that came with set of sun;  
From the worn brow the lines of care  
Are swept  
As if an angel's kiss the while she slept  
Had smoothed the cobweb wrinkles  
Quite away  
And given back the peace of childhood's day."

The following lines from an old English poem is peculiarly suited to the condition of the office-seeker of to-day. The name of the author is unknown to the editor:

"So pitiful a thing is suiter's state!  
Most miserable man, whom wicked fate  
Hath brought to court to sue; for had I  
I wot,  
That few have found and many missed!  
Full little knowest thou, thou hast not  
tried,  
What hell it is, in suing long to bide:  
To lose good days that might be better  
spent;  
To waste long nights in pensive discontent,  
To speed to day, to be put back tomorrow;  
To feed on hope, to pine with fear and  
sorrow;  
To have thy Prince's grace, yet want  
her Peer's;  
To have thy asking, yet wait many  
years;  
To fret the soul with crosses and a  
sith cares—  
To sit thy heart through comfortless  
despairs.  
To fawn, to crouch, to wait, to ride, to  
run,  
To speed, to give, to want, to be un-  
done."

MRS. A. NYEEN, residing at 702 Henry St., Alton, Ill., suffered with sciatic rheumatism for over eight months. She doctored for it nearly the whole of this time, using various remedies recommended by friends, and was treated by the physicians, but received no relief. She then used one and a half bottles of Chamberlain's Pain Balm which effected a complete cure. This is published at her request, as she wants others similarly afflicted to know what cured her. The 25 cent and 50 cent sizes for sale by druggists.

Mrs Margaret J. Preston.

One of the most impressive events of the passing days was the decease of Mrs Margaret J. Preston, in Baltimore, Sunday, March 28, aged about eighty years.

She was the eldest daughter of Rev. Dr. George Junkin, some years President of Washington College, Lexington, Va., and in 1858 she became the happy wife of Colonel J. T. L. Preston, one of the original professors of the Virginia Military Institute, and who suggested the movement that led to the establishment of that noted institution.

The Baltimore Sun publishes a long and beautiful tribute to her memory, and the Central Presbyterian performs the same duty in a manner not to be surpassed for truthfulness of statement and charm of expression. Reference is made to her home in Lexington in which there was a rare combination of piety, culture, and happiness, and where she was the centre and mistress, dispensing a charming hospitality, and repeating to the world her cheering and timely poetic words.

In her life's experience were blended elegant culture, extensive reading, and wide travel. What is of peculiar interest in the biography of this lady was that her education was mainly acquired at home, under her father's personal attention, and affords a much needed and impressive illustration of what pleasing results may be hoped for from home instruction, when faithfully performed.

As the world becomes older and wiser her mission as a poetess and didactic writer will be still better understood and appreciated more and more. Her aim was to reach the intellect of her reader through the affections, and thus by a skillful blending of the romantic and the intellectual improve both the hearts and the minds of those who read and appreciated her literary work. To make such an aim the work of her life, avoiding what may have been glaring and sensational for mere present effect, convinces beyond all question that Mrs. Preston was a poet of genuine inspiration. We feel that when our readers have carefully perused the following selection from her poems they will have a knowledge of what manner of spirit this greatly esteemed lady was:

"I would be ready, Lord,  
My house in order set,  
None of the work Thou gavest me  
To do unfinished yet.  
"I would be watch'ng, Lord,  
With lamp we'll trimmed and clear  
Quick to throw open wide the door  
What time Thou drawest near.  
"I would be waiting, Lord,  
Because I cannot know  
If in the night or morning watch  
I may be called to go.  
"I would be working, Lord,  
Each day, each hour for Thee;  
Assured that thus I wait Thee well,  
When'er thy coming be.  
"I would be living, Lord,  
As ever in Thine eye;  
For whose lives the holiest life  
Is fittest far to die."

**A** GREAT deal of nonsense has been written—and believed—about blood purifiers. What purifies the blood?

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puts the kidneys in perfect health, and nature does the rest. The heavy, dragged out feeling, the bilious attacks, headaches, nervous unrest, fickle appetite, all caused by poisoned blood, will disappear when the kidneys properly perform their functions. There is no doubt about this. Thousands have so testified. The theory is right, the cure is right and health follows as a natural sequence. Be self-convinced through personal proof.

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M. E. Conference.

The recent sessions of the Baltimore Conference, M. E. Church, South, as reported in Baltimore Sun and Staunton Spectator and Advocate, were of marked interest. The place of meeting was Staunton, Va. This city is suggestive of historic memories that were duly noticed by Rev. James E. Armstrong, Conference Historian. It was at Staunton, March 13, 1861, that this Conference severed its connexion with the M. E. Church.

The general M. E. Conference, many years before, adopted a rule making non-slave-holding a condition of membership in the church. This led to a division in the church. Baltimore Conference adhered to the old church, but a large element of the membership was dissatisfied with the rule. In 1861 an independent relation was assumed and maintained through the war between the States, and in 1866 the Conference united with the M. E. Church South.

Methodism was planted in Maryland by Rev. Robert Strawbridge. One of his earliest converts was the first minister to carry the gospel to Greenbrier territory and to rear the first log church reared there, with the possible exception of one by the Baptists.

LEWISBURG DISTRICT.

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- Huntersville—B. L. Parrott.
- Green Band—J. M. Eavery and one to be supplied.
- Gillets—M. P. Weikle.
- Hot Springs—W. W. Newberry.
- Rev. J. C. Thrasher goes to Stephens City; Rev. W. H. Ballenger to Capon Springs; Rev. C. M. Saver, Petersburg, W. Va.; Rev. C. Sydenstricker, Romney, W. Va.; Rev. J. W. McNeel, Craibottom; Rev. J. W. Maxwell superannuated.

Obituary.

On Wednesday evening, March 31, 1897, the spirit of Mrs. Carter, widow of Dr. Carter, left the body in the home of her son, Lee Carter, one mile from Edray, and winged its flight to worlds on high.

She was not only loved by her family but by all who knew her. We may truly say of her: "too pure for earth, she has gone to heaven." In the shadows of evening, we doubt not that she found a time of light in which to leave a world of care and ascend to the angel-land above to sing with the loved ones gone before, and to wait the coming of others on the way. Seventy-two years were given her in which to work for the Master, and when the summons came she was ready, and we doubt not has heard the welcome "Well done," and has entered into the City of God.

A light has been extinguished in the home circle, but it is a beautiful star all radiant in glory—to guide son and daughter up to the land where ties are never broken. We would say to her loved ones "weep not, for while you mourn your loss she sings in exultant strains the songs of the sainted in the far away home of the soul. She was one who, while in health, enjoyed life; but when affliction came she was submissive and she fell asleep to wait the waking to a day that knows no decline. "She is not dead, but sleeping."

A. V. S.

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STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, ) ss. POCAHONTAS COUNTY, )  
A rules held in the Clerk's office of the Circuit Court for said county on Monday, March 29th, 1897.

Thomas L. Coulahan, Plaintiff vs. Daniel O'Connell, N. S. Alderman, Alemda J. Alderman, Henry W. Holt, trustee; R. S. Turk, William L. McNeel, and Jasper Anhrdick, Defendants.

The object of this suit is to subject to the payment of the liens thereon a four-sixths interest in a tract of land lying on Douthard's Creek, in said county, containing 220 acre belonging to the said defendant, Daniel O'Connell.

A G appearing by affidavit filed that the defendants, Henry W. Holt, trustee, and R. S. Turk, are non-residents of the State of West Virginia, it is ordered that they do appear here within one month after the first publication of this order and do what is necessary to protect their interests in said suit.

Witness, J. H. Patterson, Clerk of said Court, this 29th day of March, 1897.

J. H. PATTERSON, Clerk. W. A. Bratton, Attorney for Plaintiff.

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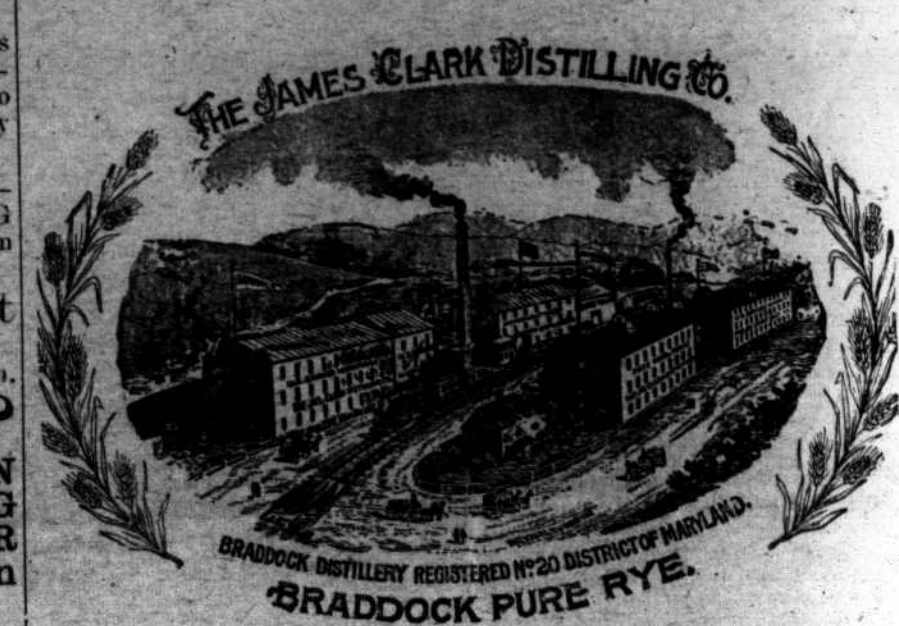
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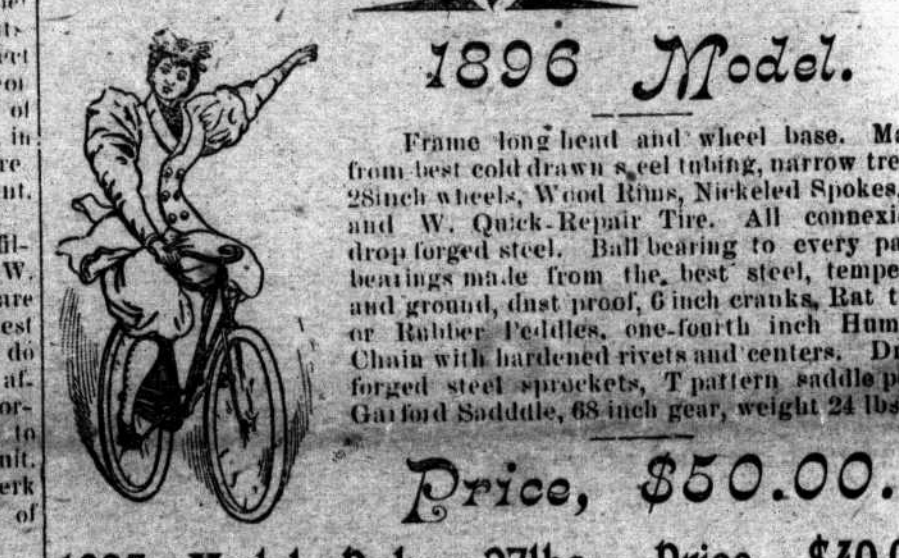
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